

LSBME  
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2013      Time 9:05am      Location: LSBME Office      Recorder: Sue Davis

Present: Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Ken Alexander, Michael Nolan, Dave Vicknair, Sue Davis

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
I. Call to order / establish quorum	Quorum established	
II. Approval of minutes	Motion to accept minutes: Michael Nolan 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alexander Yea – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0	
III. Old Business  Dr. Susie Allen          DME equipment issues   Polysomnography	<p>Dr. Allen was not present to give report. Report given by R. Pisani. The new online exam required by licensure will be beta tested by this committee's members. The target date for implementation is January 2014 depending on the outcome of the beta test.</p> <p>Questions related to whether the LSBME as the right to mandate this test as a requirement for licensure was brought up. In the Practice Act it is within the Board's purview to mandate this. However, Raymond will clarify the legality of this with Mr. Bergeron.</p> <p>The Committee's opinion from our last meeting was sent to the individual submitting the request.</p> <p>The committee's opinion regarding the new</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani to clarify legality of testing on rules and regulations for licensure</p>

	<p>polysomnography rules and regulations have been sent to Dr. Marier.</p> <p>The polysomnography letter of intent has been placed on the Registry in September 2013. Comments regarding the new rules and regulations will be accepted by Rita Arceneaux until Oct 21, 2013.</p>	
<p>IV. New Business: Dr. Cecilia Mouton</p> <p>4 strike rule</p>	<p>Dr. Mouton presented the proposed changes to the LSBME website. She and her team are working on creating a searchable FAQ database for Board opinions as many requests are repeated. Dr. Mouton requested that the committee submit to Dave Vicknair topics they feel should be included in this database.</p> <p>Dr. Mouton reminded the committee members that they are the LSBME's representative and not their peers. The committee is to be a liaison between their peers and the LSMBE. The committee should be focused on protecting the public as their primary concern.</p> <p>Dr. Mouton also has instituted an Allied Health monitoring program that will enable confidential handling of sensitive information related to drug screens.</p> <p>The committee was informed of alterations in the 4 strike rule for other allied health fields. The committee discussed the pros and cons of abolishing this rule for our profession. In the current rules and regulations, it is stated that in order to obtain a license in this state, you</p>	<p>Committee members will submit topics for FAQ to Dave Vicknair.</p>

<p>CRNA/Dentists opinion</p>	<p>must pass your credentialing exam in 4 attempts. The committee will address this rule when it is challenged. The committee does feel that there is a precedence set so upholding the legality of this rule may be difficult.</p> <p>A question was submitted to the committee for an opinion on whether Respiratory Therapists can accept orders from CRNA's (Certified nurse anesthetist) and DDS (dentists). The current rules and regulations state that RT's can accept orders from advanced practice nurses. CRNA's are advanced practice nurses, so the committee opinion is that it is acceptable.</p> <p>However there is nothing in the rules and regulations related to Dentists. Dave Vicknair will investigate this further. As the rules and regulations are currently written, the committee does not feel that it is appropriate for RT's to take orders from DDS. However if they are MD/DDS then it is appropriate.</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani and Dave Vicknair will investigate whether it is in the scope of practice for Respiratory Therapists to accept orders from Dentists.</p> <p>Raymond Pisani will forward the committee opinion that it is appropriate for RT's to accept orders from CRNA's as they are advanced practice nurses.</p>
<p>Licensing Terminology change</p>	<p>All temporary licenses will now be called 'temporary permits' to standardize terminology.</p>	
<p>Opinion related to analysis of ABG's by RT's</p>	<p>The committee read the opinion from Rita Arceneaux regarding whether it is in the Respiratory Therapists scope of practice to analyze blood drawn. The committee reviewed the rules and regulations and feel that it is in the scope of practice. The LSBME's Board letter by Rita Arceneaux strongly inferred this in the</p>	

Committee Opinion re: Injections	<p>letter. However, the committee did not feel that it was direct enough. Raymond Pisani will contact Phil Bergeron to give the Committee's feedback relative to this matter.</p> <p>The committee does not feel that 'flu and asthma shots' are in the scope of practice for Respiratory Therapists. A question related to delivering injectable ACLS medications in a code situation was brought up. The committee felt that the ACLS certification/guidelines and hospital policy would cover anyone, including respiratory therapists delivering those drugs and is not included in this opinion statement.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ken Alexander to forward the following opinion to the Board          "It is not within the Respiratory Therapists scope of practice to deliver medication by injection".          2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Nolan          Yea – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani will contact Phil Bergeron to inform him of the committee's opinion related to this matter.</p>
Verification of education	<p>Dave Vicknair stated that he receives many requests for copies of documents submitted to the LSBME. The LSBME no longer keeps these documents on the premises. Therefore the LSBME can no longer send copies to therapists who have lost their documents. They must request them from the originator of the documents.</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani will notify the Board of the following opinion related to 'asthma and flu shots': "It is not within the Respiratory Therapists scope of practice to deliver medication by injection".</p>
Announcement of appointment	<p>Elizabeth Hamilton has been appointed to fill the</p>	

	committee vacancy.	
Rulings and Board opinions	The committee requests that the Board forward any opinions related to respiratory therapy for review by this committee prior to publication.	Dave Vicknair will make this request to the Board.
Point of Care testing	Information only- the clinical lab scientists will be reintroducing their new rules and regulations this next legislative session which will impact Respiratory Therapists ability to do point of care testing.	
V. Other Business	Ken Alexander reminded the committee that this year is a general session in the legislature. He will monitor any bills that may impact respiratory therapy.	
VI. CEU Audit	CEU audits performed by the committee members.	
VII. Next Meeting	No date has been set for the next meeting.	
VII. Meeting Adjourned	Motion for meeting to adjourn – Ken Alexander 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett Stafford. Meeting adjourned at 11:15	